

LCC Grant Approval Criteria

Grant funds may be used only to support programs in the Arts: Involving the creation and presentation of and education about work in the performing, visual, media, folk, design and literary arts.

Humanities: Including but not limited to history, social studies, philosophy and arts appreciation.

Interpretive Sciences: Educational activities that engage people of all ages in learning about nature, science and technology in ways that are directly connected to their lives.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council budget for Year 2006 grants has been increased but continues below the level of prior years. Recognizing the resulting difficulties, the Cultural Council will do its best to fund projects that benefit the greatest number of people in our community.

In recognition of the importance of the START Framingham Partnership, the collaboration between the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Town of Framingham, the FCC will support the project to the best of its financial ability.

Grant funds must contribute to the cultural vitality of Framingham and must not replace or substitute for other public funding.

Grant Applications should show community involvement and support. The location must be handicapped accessible. A letter from the venue provider confirming the location and date is required. Two tickets to the event should be sent to the Framingham Cultural Council.

Grant Funds should not be the only means of support for your project. Budgets must show cash or in-kind contributions to maximize grant dollars given to the project. Grant funds cannot be used for transportation or refreshment expenses.

Grantees must include the Massachusetts Cultural Council logo and a statement acknowledging that "The project is supported in part by the Framingham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council" in promotional material

A Framingham group or organization must sponsor the project. The Council encourages collaborative projects between community groups and organizations. Given two similar grant requests, "the Framingham Cultural Council will give special consideration to projects that contribute to the revitalization of downtown Framingham."

Massachusetts Cultural Council form "Revised 8/03" must be used. Mail five (5) signed copies of the application and of support documents to the Framingham Cultural Council, 150 Concord St., Memorial Building, Framingham MA 01702. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 17, 2005. Please do not hand carry. NOTE: Check your math and be sure to include both day and evening contact telephone numbers.

Questions? Please call 508/628-1382. Thank you for your interest.